



Resolution 30-2008
Adopted by the
CALIFORNIA STATE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
at its regular meeting in Pescadero, California
October 31, 2008

**Año Nuevo State Park
Natural Preserve Subclassification**

WHEREAS, the units of the State Park System are classified by the State Park and Recreation Commission into categories specified in Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 5019.50; and

WHEREAS, one of these classifications is "Natural Preserve," which (per PRC 5019.71) consists of distinct non-marine areas of outstanding natural interest established within the boundaries of a state park unit to preserve features such as rare or endangered plant and animal species and their supporting ecosystems, or representative examples of plant and animal communities existing in California prior to the impact of civilization; and

WHEREAS, the Año Nuevo State Park General Plan has proposed that a 925-acre Natural Preserve be established west of State Highway 1 along the coastal length of Año Nuevo State Park, to provide for the recognition and protection of the outstanding and significant coastal resources of this area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Natural Preserve replaces the currently designated Wildlife Protection Area and increases the protection and preservation of the most pristine native grasslands and dune ecosystems remaining on the central California coast which is habitat for several sensitive wildlife species such as the San Francisco garter snake, California brown pelican, and a major breeding colony of northern elephant seals around Año Nuevo Point and Año Nuevo Island, and the expansive ocean and coastline vistas; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation has proposed a 925-acre Natural Preserve be established within the coastal portion of the approximately 4,200 acre Año Nuevo State Park, and recommends that it be named Año Nuevo Coast Natural Preserve to provide for the recognition and protection of its outstanding coastal grasslands and dunes natural resources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Section 5019.71 of the Public Resources Code, and after proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that the California State Park and Recreation Commission hereby classifies the above identified portion of Año Nuevo State Park as a Natural Preserve with the name Año Nuevo Coast Natural Preserve and as delineated in the Año Nuevo State Park General Plan.

Attest: This Resolution was duly adopted by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on October 31, 2008 at the Commission's duly-noticed public meeting at Pescadero, California.

By: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY Date: 10-31-08

Louis Nastro, Assistant to the Commission
For Ruth Coleman, Director, California State Parks
Secretary to the Commission